

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The present amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed January 22, 2004, in which Claims 1 through 10 and 12 through 18 were rejected. Applicants have thoroughly reviewed the outstanding Office Action including the Examiner's remarks and the reference cited therein. The following remarks are believed to be fully responsive to the Office Action and, when coupled with the amendments made herein, are believed to render all claims at issue patentably distinguishable over the cited references.

Claim 1 is amended herein. No claim is cancelled. No new claim is added. Accordingly, Claims 1 through 10, 12 and 14 through 18 remain pending.

All the changes are made for clarification and are based on the application and drawings as originally filed. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter is added.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in light of the above amendments and the following remarks.

CLAIM REJECTIONS – CONTINUATION SHEET (PTOL-303)

With respect to the continuation sheet attached to the Advisory Action mailed January 22, 2004, Applicants respectfully submit that the limitations added herein to independent Claim 1 render this claim more distinguishable

from the cited art.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the present rejections are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that all pending Claims 1 through 10, 12 and 14 through 18 as currently presented are in condition for allowance. If, for any reason, the Examiner disagrees, please call the undersigned attorney at 248-433-7552 in an effort to resolve any matter still outstanding *before* issuing another action. The undersigned attorney is confident that any issue which might remain can readily be worked out by telephone.

Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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